Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Father Brian Christensen has been pastor and shepherd of St. John's the Evangelist Church, Fort Pierre, since February 12, 2005; and,

Whereas, Father Brian is actively involved in all aspects of the church's communal mission and encourages all parishioners to be involved in a variety of church ministries; and,

Whereas, Under Father Brian's shepherding and leadership, he has helped St. John's Parish become a vibrant and evangelizing church which reaches out to the community through a variety of ministries; and,

Whereas, Father Brian has served the communities of Pierre and Fort Pierre by participating in organizations and serving on various boards; and,

Whereas, Father Brian is the vocations director for the diocese and is a mentor, teacher, and servant to the seminarians studying for the priesthood; and,

Whereas, Father Brian has reduced the pheasant, deer, turkey, and fish population of the area through his skills as a hunter and fisherman; and,

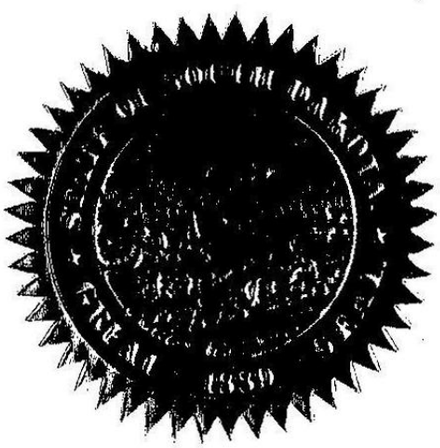
Whereas, Father Brian will follow a new calling to the communities of Isabel, Timber Lake, and Trail City and will be greatly missed by his parish:

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the commitment, accomplishments, and years of service of this special South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 11, 2010, as

FATHER BRIAN CHRISTENSEN DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State